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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, DPD

FROM : Security Office, DPD

SUBJECT : Projects CORONA and ARGON, Inspection of Fairchild Camera & Instrument Corporation Facilities

1. On 21 January 1960 [] visited Fairchild Camera & Instrument Corporation for the purpose of inspecting the ARGON work area and the proposed CORONA work area. This inspection revealed that the ARGON area has been completed and work on the ARGON equipment has begun within the restricted area. The entire restricted area is enclosed by cinder blocks from floor to ceiling and is separated from the proposed CORONA area by a cinder block wall. Both areas are located within the Landis Plant.

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2. The general physical security of the total area is considered very good. There is a 24-hour guard control and admission to the area is controlled by means of a special badge system and access list.

3. In discussions with [] it was determined that all the costs connected with the ARGON Project have been approved with the exception of the equipment room which will be utilized by both the CORONA and ARGON Projects. The construction cost on this equipment room is [] also advised and made available a cost breakdown of the construction costs in connection with the proposed CORONA area. These costs total []. It should be noted that these figures include basic construction costs and required equipment. It is felt that from a security standpoint the restricted area is essential at FCIC and this inspection did not reveal any unnecessary costs to meet the security requirements.

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4. It should also be noted that the completion date for both the ARGON and CORONA areas is approximately six weeks from the date of this memorandum. Also, at the end of this 6-week period the current CORONA area will have been moved and integrated into the Landis restricted area.

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